

## WHEN YOU FEEL YOU'RE SINKING

When You're Hoping for a Miracle – Part 6

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*“Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. After leaving them, he went up alone on a mountainside to pray. When evening came, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land. He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. About the fourth watch of the night he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost! They cried out, because they all saw him and were terrified. Immediately he spoke to them and said, ‘Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.’ Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed, for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened.”*

Mark 6:45-52 (NIV)

### THAT SINKING FEELING

Matthew 14:22-33, Mark 6:45-52, John 6:15-21

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“By now it was dark...” John 6:17a

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“Jesus had not yet joined them.” John 6:17b

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“The boat was in the middle of the lake.” Mark 6:47

“They were a long way from shore.” Matthew 14:24

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“Tossed around & battered by waves.” Matthew 14:24b

“The waters grew rough!” John 6:18

“The wind was against them.” Mark 6:48

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“They were in serious trouble, rowing hard and struggling against the wind and waves.” Mark 6:48 (LB)

### WHAT DOES JESUS DO WHEN I'M SINKING?

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Jesus had been on the mountain praying for his disciples (Matthew 14:23)

“I have prayed for you, that you will not lose your faith! Help your brothers be stronger when you come back to me.” Luke 22:32 (NCV)

“Who condemn us? Not Christ Jesus, who died and then was raised back to life and is now at the right side of God, interceding for us!”  
Romans 8:34 (TEV)

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
“He saw the disciples straining at the oars.” Mark 6:48a

“He sees everything I do and counts every step I take.” Job 31:4

“Jesus is able to sympathize with our weaknesses. He was tempted in every way that we are, but he didn’t sin.” Hebrews 4:15

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
“About the fourth watch of the night he went out to them, walking on the lake.”  
Mark 6:48b

“I will not abandon you or leave you as orphans in the storm -- I WILL come to you!” John 14:18 (LB)

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
“When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. ‘It’s a ghost,’ they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: ‘Take courage! IT IS I! Don’t be afraid.’” Mark 6:49-50

### WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I'M SINKING?

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
“Jesus said to them ‘Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid!’” Mark 6:50

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*“Lord, if it's you,’ Peter replied, ‘tell me to come to you on the water!’ ‘Come,’ Jesus said. So Peter got out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.” Matthew 14:28-29 (NIV)*

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*“But when Peter looked around at the high waves, he was terrified and began to sink. ‘Save me, Lord!’ he shouted.” Matthew 14:30 (NLT)*

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*“Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. ‘You of little faith,’ he said, ‘Why did you doubt?’” Matthew 14:31 (NIV)*

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
*“When Jesus climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’”  
Matthew 14:32-33 (NIV)*